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This booklet aims to show the prospective student how Sweet Briar looks and to give her a glimpse of campus life, as a supplement to the college catalogue. The view above shows the college surrounded by its 3000 acre campus which is located in piedmont Virginia, twelve miles north of Lynchburg and sixty miles south of Charlottesville on the main line of the Southern Railway and on U. S. 29.



FLETCHER

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ACADEMIC



This view of the main group of college buildings is seen from Fergus Reid, a residence hall. Fletcher contains administration offices and classrooms. Academic is occupied by science laboratories, art studios and lecture rooms.

The gymnasium, which has equipment for many sports, is outside the quadrangles.

DAISY WILLIAMS GYMNASIUM



GRAY CARSON

REFECTORY

MANSON

RANDOLPH

Four of the residence halls above are connected by arcades with the Refectory, in the center. The Chapel occupies the first floor of Manson.

The Information Office, with communication facilities, is on the lower floor of Gray.



ARCADE BETWEEN GRAY AND REFECTORY



CARL GRAMMER AND FERGUS REID

These residences face the buildings shown on the preceding pages. In Fergus Reid is the refectory for these two houses and the largest of the Common Rooms is in Carl Grammer.

Every girl shares in the regulation of dormitory living through membership in house and inter-house councils which are directed by the student house presidents and are responsible to the Student Government Association.

One of the parlors in Randolph is shown on the opposite page, above, and below it is a room in Gray.







Classroom windows in Fletcher frame this view of the Blue Ridge Mountains which form the western horizon. The Bookshop, post office and four faculty apartments occupy the building in the foreground; directly behind it is the Music Building and beyond are several faculty residences along Elijah's Road. To the left, nearly hidden by trees, is the Boxwood Inn.



SWEET BRIAR HOUSE

The president's house, surrounded by gardens famous for tall boxwood hedges and a great variety of flowering trees and evergreens, was the home of the Fletcher and Williams families prior to the founding of the college.

The Infirmary (top of opposite page) is situated on the slope below Grammer and Reid. Here students who are ill may have hospital care and special treatments. Beyond the Infirmary the road leads to Faculty Row. Several of the nine faculty houses along the road are shown at the right.





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The library's expanding collection of more than 60,000 volumes is designed to fill the needs of a liberal arts college and the students are encouraged in the independent use of its full resources.



THE LIBRARY STEPS, BETWEEN CLASSES



THE MAIN READING ROOM AND THE STUDY GALLERY

Sweet Briar, founded by the will of Indiana Fletcher Williams in 1900, opened in 1906 and gave its first bachelor of arts degree four years later. From the beginning this privately endowed non-denominational college has offered to young women a liberal education motivated by social purpose and designed as training for a rich and useful life. The college favors methods of instruction that permit opportunity for individual development. The work of the first two years is planned to acquaint the student as widely as possible with broad fields of knowledge; that of the last two years is concentrated upon a selected field of interest.



The pictures on these two pages suggest the four facets of the Sweet Briar curriculum: the arts, natural and mathematical sciences, literature and language, and the social sciences.





Classroom instruction is supplemented by visiting lecturers, art exhibits and concerts; by informal discussion groups on various topics; by student productions in drama, music and dancing; and by many other carefully planned community activities.





Sweet Briar's location and its mild climate make possible a great variety of outdoor activities in addition to the usual sports program. Many students enjoy the informality of the Outing Cabin (above) situated on Paul's Mountain two miles from the college, for picnics and weekends throughout the year.

Riders follow the trails through valleys and over hills in all seasons.

Swimming and boating on Sweet Briar lake are popular in spring and fall and the Boathouse recreation room, with its large fireplace, is used the year round.







Decorations designed and made by students enhance the gaiety of a Mid-winter dance.

The May Court presents a colorful spectacle in the west dell each spring.

The terrace of the Boxwood Inn is a popular spot for relaxation.

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